

571—95.1(481A) Harvest reporting system. Deer and turkey hunters must report each deer and wild turkey harvested to the department of natural resources (DNR) harvest reporting system. The hunter whose name is on the transportation tag is responsible for making the report. Hunters who do not bag a deer or wild turkey do not report.

95.1(1) Reporting deadlines.

a. Deer. A harvest report must be made by midnight on the day after the day of the kill, before the deer is taken to a locker or taxidermist, before the deer is processed for consumption, or before the deer is transported out of state, whichever occurs first.

b. Wild turkey. A harvest report must be made no later than midnight on the day after the turkey is killed, before the turkey is taken to a locker or taxidermist, before the turkey is processed for consumption, or before the turkey is transported out of state, whichever occurs first.

95.1(2) Method of reporting. Hunters may report the harvest in one of three ways:

a. By calling the DNR toll-free harvest reporting telephone number. The telephone number will be in operation from 6 a.m. to midnight each day during hunting seasons and for the legal reporting period after the season.

b. By reporting through the Internet using the DNR online harvest reporting system. The system will function 24 hours a day, seven days a week during hunting seasons and for the legal reporting period after the season.

c. By visiting an electronic licensing system for Iowa (ELSI) license agent during the license agent's normal business hours. Reports may be made through ELSI whenever hunting seasons are open and for the legal reporting period after the seasons.

95.1(3) Report confirmation. After the report is made, the hunter will be given a coded number to write on the license and transportation tag to verify that the hunter has reported the kill. The confirmation number must remain on the transportation tag, and the tag must remain attached to the deer or wild turkey until the deer or turkey is processed for consumption.